

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of copending International Application No. PCT/DE01/04929 filed December 27, 2001 and claiming a priority date of January 23, 2001, which designates the United States, **and claims priority to German Patent Application No. 10102914.4 filed on January 23, 2001.**